

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: March 27, 2008
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 1222
AUTHOR: G. Cedillo

BILL SUMMARY: County Veteran Service Officers: Funding

This bill would appropriate an amount equal to \$3.00 per veteran from the General Fund to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for allocation to the county veteran service officers (CVSOs), as specified. The bill would require the CDVA to provide reports as specified. This bill would repeal specified code sections relating to current funding for the CVSOs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CDVA indicates the provisions of this bill would result in additional costs to the department. The CDVA did not provide an estimate of the additional costs. Finance notes any request for additional resources to implement this bill would be subject to review during the annual budget process.

The impact to the General Fund resulting from the provisions of this bill is indeterminable. This bill appropriates General Fund in 2008-09 and annually based on a specified number of veterans calculated annually. The 2008-09 Governor's Budget includes \$2.65 million for the CVSOs.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it imposes potential increased pressure to the General Fund; it imposes new unfunded workload; making specific appropriations without regard to workload and without being subject to the regular budget development process.

Existing law authorizes the boards of supervisors of each county to appoint a county veteran service officer to assist every veteran of any war of the United States and the dependents of every deceased veteran in presenting claims and establishing rights provided for by the laws of the United States. Current law also provides for the boards of supervisors to provide the CVSOs with compensation, assistance, and facilities as necessary. Existing law provides the State may provide state funds for 50 percent of the budget of CVSOs not to exceed \$5 million. This bill would repeal these provisions.

This bill would provide for funding from the General Fund for CVSOs activities in an amount equal to \$3.00 per veteran. This bill provides that CDVA determine the number of veterans based on the residency requirements set forth in the Vehicle Code and to annually prepare and submit the determination to the Department of Finance and the Legislature. This bill provides for the Department of Finance to utilize the determination for development of the budget for the CDVA.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	Code
8955/Vets Affairs	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary				-----	0001